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MERIT SYSTEM REVIEWED.

CAN A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYE GIVE EXPRESSION TO HONEST OPINIONS?

"STILL HARPING UPON MY DAUGHTER"

Points in Favor of the Merit System Outweigh Those in Opposition—Are Campaign Issues Mere Subterfuges and Offices the Real Bone of Contention? A Plea for Candid Statement—A Repeal of But Brief Advantage to Party in Power—Competitive System Sustains Sovereignty of the Individual As Against the Domination of the "Machine"—How the Negro is Benefitted—Some Cases in Point—Promoters of Official Equality—Public Patronage the Property of the People.

Washington, D. C., Special.

As your erudite opinion-moulder recently remarked upon The Freeman's editorial pages, it does seem difficult for an individual, with ordinary human weakness to hold unbiased views concerning matters upon which his bread and butter depends, but strange as it may seem, the feat is neither a remarkable nor an impossible one. The comment referred to was drawn out by the writer's observation upon the much mooted civil service doctrine. The inference naturally conveyed was that our support of the system was due mainly to the fact that we happen to be nestling under Uncle Sam's capacious wing, and that were we out in the cold world, we might be equally enthusiastic and aggressive in the ranks of the opposition. Perhaps so—if we could be convinced that the "spoils system" offered better advantages in the long run, and that the civil service law was especially designed to prevent our name from adorning the government pay roll.

WHY NOT BE CANDID?

We are well aware of the futility of chanting glittering philosophies and evolving meatless theories from the realm of Utopia with the hope of convincing a hungry man that he should not hustle for food through any channel that lies open to him—honorable, expedient or otherwise. But sympathize with him as we may, no amount of charitable judgment can alter the old-fashioned principles of right and wrong, of mine and thine, or suspend a single paragraph of the decalogue. Law is the concrete expression of the will of the masses, and good citizens frequently suffer inconvenience for the general welfare of their nation. To properly discuss the existing situation, it is well to bear in mind that more potent than all law is plain human nature. It is pretty generally agreed that the pronounced agitation in political circles to-day is due almost wholly to a ravenous desire to get at the loaves and fishes of public patronage. Whoever dares say nay at this time, courts a finely developed case of unpopularity. So if the whole argument is to reduce itself to a frank admission that personal gain is the real issue, and that this howl about principle in politics is a mere subterfuge to disguise purely mercenary aims, we all might as well come out of the bushes, and fight the thing out on that line. If party platforms are confessed humbugs to meet the unwary voter's prejudices, if the stirring orations of the spell-binders is but a trick to catch the ear of the unskillful, and if campaigns are but quadrennial touts for spoils in which the people's vital interests are juggled and stacked as so many pawns upon a chess-board then why may we not be honest for a moment or two and say so? If the American people are convinced that a return to a system which practically killed three presidents and bred politicians and office-brokers rather than statesmen and patriots is better adapted to national prosperity than a legitimate business policy, then their duty is plain. If a comparison of results show a preponderance of good in favor of the old idea of official dispensation, and the ancient feudal system is to obtain with spoils divided as assets or booty among petty bosses to be further distributed among the henchmen of the victors, then civil service reform is left without a leg to stand upon.

POPULAR ENDORSEMENT OF THE LAW.

But we do not believe that the facts will disclose any such condition of affairs. It is our honest opinion that the masses are heartily in favor of the plan designed to spread the benefits of the governmental patronage to the fittest, barring no one on account of politics, religion, or color. We believe the people are willing to compete honorably for preferment on a fair field, open to all comers. This whole controversy has its head and front in the feverish unrest of selfish partisans, to whom no suggestion of patriotism or business administration appeals, with hope of cheerful response. The agitation is grounded in greed, and built upon the pillars of an organized appetite.

The masses have endorsed the civil service policy by applauding its enactment and acquiescing in extension after extension of its operations—besides fighting for it as a plank in party platforms through several heated campaigns. The wise man who wants public office goes at it in the manner that the law prescribes. If an examination is required, examination he takes, and the best-equipped contestant deservedly carries off the prize. If high places call for qualifications beyond one's reach, common sense dictates that he try for something within their ability. Can any one demand fairer play than this? We are in sympathy with the office-seeker. We believe not only in office-seeking, but in office-getting. Our only contention is that both should be conducted according to the form of law and with due regard to the demands of decency.

The man of superior attainments rarely quarrels with the merit system. He is willing to take his chances with the lot, and asks no special favors, partisan or otherwise' in his race for such posts as come under the classified regulations. In the other grades, where the administration of party policies is involved, the victors, of course, are expected to march in and take possession. The political gladiators here reap their legitimate reward. Few will dispute the justice of such occupancy. It is in the nature of things. It is quite possible for a

CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYE TO BE HONEST

in his attitude upon the competitive system. He may support or oppose it, and do either consistently and aggressively. The law in itself keeps no one out, nor does it of itself keep any one in. It merely marks the method of entrance and requires that just cause be shown for removal. Every one has equal opportunities for appointment, and any person can be removed at the discretion of the powers. All rests with the individual. and in the guarrntee of individual development to the limit of one's capacity resides the primal theory of our democratic form of government. Whether in the service or out, as far back as our recollection extends, we have favored the merit system because it seemed to us better adapted to the particular needs of so great a business corporation as the United States of America. Experience has served only to amplify and strengthen that conviction. It is granted that at this juncture a slight temporary advantage might be gained for the Republicans by a repeal of the law. Such a radical move, however, would only serve as a mighty boomerang, for it is safe to assume that the Democrats will win some time, and the precedent of wholesale slaughter thus established would be used by them with a vengeance. The way the headsman's ax would swing would cause strong men to weep. Every change in the Executive would be attended by the most direful results to the dependent employe of the government. Washington would resume its erstwhile status as a four-year-camping ground and citizenship would be as evanescent as a bird of passage, Washington's bane has been its floating, uncertain population, and merchants who remember the array of unpaid bills and unkept promises of the spoils regime shudder when they contemplate the possibility of a return to it. Congressmen and heads of departments who now enjoy a little leisure, or have some time to devote to legitimate duties, are not anxious to revive a process which reduced them to the condition of errand-boys and handmaidens running around town begging for places to satisfy a hungry and thirsty constituency. It is so much easier to refer all applicants to the civil service commission and let matters take their course within the law. There are numbers who imagine that the civil service law stands as their only barrier who would not have the slightest chance to get in under any system, and these frequently make the most noise in the chorus of anti-reformers. No one claims perfection for the law as it stands, either in text or manner of enforcement, but its principle is laid upon correct lines. Revision or modification, whenever conditions warrant it, is the most feasible thing to advocate. The solution of the patronage problem does not lie in repeal.

MR. M'KINLEY IS IN TOUCH WITH PROGRESSIVE CIVILIZATION,

if not in accord with close communion partisanship, when he declares that no backward step must be taken, and answers the clamor of the opposition by clinching another rivet in the frame-work erected by much "cussed" and discussed Pendleton. As we previously remarked, the civil service law is in little danger of being repealed, as it seems very unlikely that a Republican Congress will turn down the expressed policy of a Republican executive, or squarely repudiate an important plank in last summer's national platform.

The colored man, more than any other class, should be so staunch an advocate of civil service reform that the intrepid Roosevelt and the picturesque Schurz would be obliged to look to their laurels. Competition is necessarily keen in this day of widely-diffused knowledge. Appointments are going to the scholarly, studious and industrious elements of society. The "hitter" "primary pusher" and "de gang" in general are being paid in cash for services, but are being relegated to the rear column when it comes to the question of office-holding. For a striking example of the improved condition brought about by a strict adherence to the competitive system look at the Washington City postoffice, with its three-score or more of Negro employes, as against a baker's dozen under the old regime of political favoritism. Look at your own local postoffice at Indianapolis, Mr. Editor. You can remember when one colored letter carrier constituted your entire federal representation. Look at the clerks, carriers, special delivery messengers, etc., you have now! Has not your increase been at least 1,000 per cent? And would not the per cent. be much greater were your bright young men less timid about facing the examining boards? What is true of these two isolated cases is true the country over. The civil service law is the greatest modern

PROMOTER OF OFFICIAL EQUALITY

between the races, for it insists that equality of merit shall have equality of recognition—no more, no less. Despite the herculean lunges of an impatient section of the populace, maddened by hunger for place, and therefore impervious to reason, the reform is gaining ground. Municipalities, railroads, the telegraph, mercantile syndicates and all great corporate interests are traveling toward a perfection of the civil service system in the matter of appointments, promotions and reductions. Honestly and impartially administered it is equitable; it is economical; it is democratic; it is republican; and, more than all, it is American.

R. W. THOMPSON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 20.

Death of a Prominent Young Man

Hartford, Conn., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brown desire to return their heartfelt thanks to their many friends for the expressions of condolence on the death of their nephew, William Brown, last week. Special thanks are tendered the young ladies, Misses Mary and Lucy Carr, Lillian Davis and Carrie Seymour, for the donation of flowers. Mr. Brown was a bright and promising young man, a student at the Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. Me was preparing to take up the profession of law. The body was taken to New Haven and buried in the family cemetery. The Freeman will be on sale at both barber shops hereafter. The shaving parlors of Shield Bros., corner of Pearl and Ford streets, is located conveniently for the readers of The Freeman in that end of the city. Foreman W. Pierce is courteous and obliging, and your readers will find things pleasant and congenial. With a fine assortment of cigars and tobacco and a large and commodious room, it is easy to imagine cause for attraction at Shield Bros.' shaving parlors. Hartford can boast of one brilliant Afro-American physician in the person of Dr. Arnold, who has proven himself highly skillful and efficient. G. M. Bruce, the contractor, will leave soon on an extended vacation, visiting his daughters, Miss Grace, of Philadelphia, and Miss Addie, of Washington, D. C. Rush of business has delayed him somewhat, but his foreman will take full charge during his absence. Great curiosity is aroused over a fifty point game of "cushion carom" between G. Grant Williams, the popular barber, and Champion Louis Peterson. The game comes off next week and all Hartford is excited with interest. Special sales for The Freeman on that day.

PROF. BOOKER WASHINGTON

LECTURES IN THE CITY AT THE CITY HALL AND RECEIVES

A Hearty Ovation—Welcomed by 3,000 Persons—Every Section of the Country Well Represented — The "Moses" of the Race.

[At a lecture recently delivered in this city by Booker T. Washington, the great educator was greeted by fully 3,000 people. A chorus of 300 voices rendered music for the occasion. When Mr. Washington was introduced the audience gave him a rousing reception, waving their handkerchiefs and otherwise manifesting their pleasure.]

"As a member of the Negro race I take the deepest interest in the industrial and religious work which you are pushing forward among my people in the South; in the most unselfish and patriotic manner you are helping to lift the burden from our entire country. The work which you are doing in the South needs to be strengthened and multiplied many fold. In proportion as you lift up the Negro in the South you lift up your white brethren in the South. The white man who yields to the temptation of stealing a Negro's ballot because of his ignorance will soon learn to steal a white man's ballot; from that he will yield to the temptation of stealing a Negro's dollar and a white man's dollar. It is not the Negro alone that is suffering. The burden thrown upon the discouraged, panic-stricken and poverty-ridden South immediately after the war was greater than you realize. Out of its own poverty the South was asked to educate four millions of freemen. There is no grander mission in the world for the Christian Church than to help remove this burden. In doing this you not only lift up the black man but extend Christian charity toward your white brethren in the 'black belt' of the South. Where you have spent one dollar in the work this year you should spend two dollars next year. * * *

"There should be a closer connection between the Negro's educated brain and his opportunity of earning his daily living. The Negro has a great deal of science in his head that has never seen daylight—a great deal of science that has never touched anything practical—there must be a great meeting; the Negro's chemistry must meet and touch the cornfield and produce forty bushels where only fifteen are now growing. The Negro's science of mechanics must reach the steam laundry operating point. The Negro's biology wants to reach the chicken-raising point. The Negro's mathematics wants to reach the house-building point. The Negro's botany wants to reach the grass and cotton-growing point—let there be a great meeting between science and the business of life. All this is not as an end, but as a foundation for the higher thing of life. * * *

"In the Southern part of our country are twenty-two millions of your brethren who are bound to you and to whom you are bound by ties which you cannot tear asunder if you would. The most intelligent man in your community has his intelligence darkened by the ignorance of a fellow-citizen in the Mississippi bottoms. The most wealthy of your citizens would be more wealthy but for the poverty of a fellow-being in the Carolina rice swamps. The most moral and religious among you has his religion and morality modified by the degradation of the man in the South whose religion is a mere matter of form or emotionalism. The vote in your State that is cast for the highest and purest form of government is largely neutralized by the vote of the man in Louisiana whose ballot is stolen or cast in ignorance. When the South is ignorant you are ignorant, when the South is poor you are poor, when the South commits crime you commit crime. * * *

"It seems to me that the temptation in educational and missionary work is to do for a people that which was done a thousand years ago or is being done for a people a thousand miles away, without always making a careful study of the needs and condition of the people whom we are trying to help. The temptation is to run all people through a certain educational mold, regardless of the conditions of the subject or the end to be accomplished. Unfortunately for us as a race, our education was begun immediately after the war too nearly where New England education ended. We seemed to overlook the fact that we were dealing with a race that had little occasion to labor in their native land, and consequently brought little love for labor with them to America. Added to this was the fact that they had been forced for 250 years to labor without compensation, under circumstances that were calculated to do anything but teach them to see the dignity, beauty and civilizing power of intelligent labor. We forgot the industrial education that was given the Pilgrim Fathers of New England in clearing and planting its cold, bleak and snowy hills and valleys, in the providing of shelter, founding the small mills and factories, in supplying themselves with home-made garments, thus laying the foundation of an industrial life that now keeps going a large part of the colleges and missionary effort of the world.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION NEEDED.

"May I be tempted one step further in showing how prone we are to make our education formal, technical, instead of making it meet the needs of conditions regardless of formality or technicality? At least 80 per cent of my people in the South are found in the rural districts and they are dependent on agriculture in some form for their support. Notwithstanding in this instance we have practically a whole race dependent upon agriculture, and notwithstanding thirty years have passed since our freedom, aside from what has been done at Hampton and Tuskegee and one or two other institutions, not a thing has been attempted by state or philanthropy in the way of educating the race in this one industry on which their very existence depends. Boys have been taken from the farms and educated in law, theology, Hebrew and Greek—educated in everything else but the very subject that they should know most about. I question whether or not among all the educated colored people in the United States you can find six, if we except the institutions named, that have received anything like a thorough training in agriculture. It would have seemed that since self-support, industrial independence is the first condition for lifting up any race, that education in theoretical and practical agriculture, horticulture, dairying and stock-raising should have occupied the first place in our system. Some time ago when we decided to make tailoring a part of our training at the Tuckegee Institute I was amazed to find that it was almost impossible to find in the whole country an educated colored man who could teach the making of clothes. I could find them by the score who could teach astronomy, theology, German or Latin, but almost none who could instruct in the making of clothing, something that has to be used by every one of us every day in the year. How often has my heart been made to sink as I have gone through the South and into the homes of the people and found women who could converse intelligently on Grecian history, who had studied geometry, could analyze the most complex sentences, and yet could not analyze the poorly cooked and still more poorly served corn bread and fat meat that they and their families were eating three times a day. It is little trouble to find girls who can locate Pekin or the Desert of Sahara on an artificial globe, but seldom can you find one who can locate on an actual dinner table the proper place for the carving knife and fork, or the meat and vegetables.

"A short time ago in one of the Southern cities a colored man died who had received training as a skilled mechanic during the days of slavery. By his skill and industry he built up a great business as house contractor and builder. In this same city there are 35,000 colored people, among them young men who have been well educated in the languages and literature, but not a single one could be found who had been trained in mechanical and architectural drawing that could carry on the business which this ex-slave had built up, and so it was soon scattered to the wind. Aside from the work done in the institutions that I have mentioned you can find almost no colored men who have been trained in the principles of architecture, notwithstanding the vast majority of our race is without homes. Here then are the three prime conditions for growth—for civilization—food, clothing, shelter, and yet we have been the slaves of form and customs to such an extent that we have failed in a large measure to look matters squarely in the face and meet actual needs.

"You cannot graft a fifteenth century civilization on to a twentieth century civilization by the mere performance of mental gymnastics. Understand, I speak in no fault-finding spirit, but with a feeling of deep gratitude for all that has been done, but the future must be an improvement on the past. I have endeavored to speak plainly in regard to the past because I fear that the wisest and most interested have not fully comprehended the task which American slavery has laid at the doors of this Republic. Few, I believe, realize what is to be done before the seven millions of my people in the South can be made a safe, helpful, progressive part of our institutions. The South, in proportion to its ability has done well, but this does not change facts."

PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,

The great educator from the "Black Belt," the "Moses of the Race," recently made welcomed by thousands of people at the City Hall, this city.

A Gold Cake Cutting.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Rev. Lafayette Lamb preached to a large and appreciative audience Sunday evening at the A. M. E. Church. Rev. McEwing, of Mobile, Ala., was in the city last week, the guest of Rev. F. P. Green, of the Second Baptist Church. He preached two excellent sermons Sunday. Dr. Cal M. Williams, of DesMoines, Iowa, lectured at Second Baptist Church Wednesday evening, the 20th inst. N. T. Curtis was recently the guest of his cousin, Rev. Green. Harvey Phillips went to Lima, O., last Monday, the 18th, where he was quietly married to Miss Carrie Ware, a most estimable young lady of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips will be at home to their many friends at 1000 E. Jackson street. Rev. C. S. Smith, of Nashville, who has been in the city the past week looking after some real estate, has returned home. Clayton Walker, of Springfield, O., is in the city. Mrs. Smith of Springfield, O., is the guest of Mrs. Downs. The Masons will give a Gold Cake Cutting at their hall November 1. Everybody expected to be present.

Cream City Items.

Milwaukee, Wis., Special.

At Salem Baptist Church morning service was led by Rev. C. D. Cooly, formerly of Richmond, Va., who by his masterly flow of silvery oratory kept his delighted audience perfectly spellbound. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock were held the commencing exercises of the second grand rally day, and a complete program was rendered. The following speakers were present and took part: Revs. Tichworth and Ide and Dr. A. L. Herron. Sunday-school at 1 o'clock; attendance steadily increasing. Evening services at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Odom preached a most interesting, impressive sermon from St. Mark vi, 18 to 17 verses. Subject: "After the Dance was Over." The Literary Society met October 18, with President Mrs. J. C. Smith in the chair. An interesting program was classically rendered, after which Rev. E. R. Walker presented to the audience some of the New Testament transformed into poetry by his ingenuity. Our society has been holding its meetings in its small hall over its chapel, but if it continues to grow as it has been growing it will be compelled to use its chapel for that purpose. Next Monday night the re-election of officers will take place. A large attendance is expected and all are cordially invited to attend. A grand literary and musical entertainment was given last Thursday evening to Salem Baptist Church by Emanuel Baptist Church (white), South Side, which was a grand affair, their musical selections being especially well rendered. The display of literary talent was above and beyond criticism. Refresments were served at the close of the entertainment. A. W. Herrin's Havana cigar, tobacco and candy store, 410 State street, is always well stocked with fresh goods. He reads The Freeman. Carl Miller, of Manistee, Mich., is with Schlitz' Palm Garden. W. L. Hawkins is a young man whom we are all proud of, he being the only Afro-American graduate from the Cream City High School this year. He is now in the law office of J. H. Stover as stenographer and typewriter. D. M. Truss is in the coal and wood business at 208 Fourth street. J. A. West, who represents the J. Nichols Publishing Co. of Naperville, Ill., and Atlanta, Ga., is in our city in the interest of a new publication entitled "The Progress of the Race." Mr. West called on the representative of The Freeman and subscribed for that paper at once. The Freeman's representative was delighted with the new book and subscribed for it. Every one should secure a copy of this wonderful work.

News and Notes.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. M. J. Freeman, of 35 Strait street, and Mrs. B. W. Lowe, of 130 Harrison avenue, are on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Humphreys, of Orchard Knob, and F. C. Downes, of Palmetto street, have returned from Nashville, where they have been visiting the Exposition. Elbert Townes, who has for a long time been a faithful employe of the Mount City Mill Co., has resigned to accept a more lucrative position with the tannery located at Flintston, Ga. We wish him success. Miss Mayme P. Calloway, of this city, and Charles Downes, formerly of this city, but now of Cincinnati, have gone to New York City to join Mumford's Jubilee Singers. Miss Anna G. Kennedy, of 126 Harrison avenue, has opened a music parlor on McCallie avenue. Miss Kennedy recently graduated from Knoxville College with high honors. The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Richardson died last week. Prof. Booker T. Washington passed through our city last week and was the guest of Mrs. Hilliard Willis, 129 Harrison avenue. George Penn, an old and highly respected citizen, died last Monday. Miss Mabel White, who has been visiting in Kerr, is now at home preparing to go to Talladega College. Some enterprising colored men of this city and Churchville have put their heads and money together and erected a foundry. All the men are young, intelligent laboring men, and have built the foundry at night, doing their regular work at other places during the day. The name of this foundry is the Southern Hollow Ware Co. It is understood that they have a large number of orders ahead. Mrs. Etta Downes turned on the steam which started the machinery to make the first castings. About 200 people were present and speeches were made and great enthusiasm prevailed. Charles Ferrin is the president and Dennis B. Gordon secretary. Get The Freeman of Wm. S. Lowe at his home, 815 Catherine street, or at Mountain City Mills.

What You Want to Know.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Mr. Carter, of Liberty, Ind., was in the city. Mrs. Coleman spent Sunday in Dayton with her daughter. Mrs. Nixon of Burnett street is ill. Sunday is quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Smith of Walnut street has undergone an operation. We sincerely wish her a speedy recovery. G. G. Garnes, Miss Maggie Sampson, and Clarence Finley of College Corner, took dinner at B. W. Torry's in Heaton street last Sunday. G. S. Norman will visit friends in Lima Sunday.

Opening of the Public School.

Minneola, Tex., Special.

Public school opened here on the 25th. Prof. R. M. Jones is principal. Prof. Veasey will teach in the country this year. Where is Charlie Thomas?

HARRY C. SMITH'S DEFEAT.

"Darius" Tell Some Facts Relative to the Brave Editor and the Two Afro-American Gladiators.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Recognizing your paper as a great race journal, and thinking that you are ever on the alert for a scoop, I concluded to give you a bit of information which will be of national interest because of the prominence of the parties interested. What I give you are facts that cannot be disputed.

In Ohio, Harry C. Smith, the brilliant, but eratic editor of the Cleveland Gazette, is down, and the forces that shoved him to the rear may possible keep him there unless he sues for peace, which would possibly be the act of wisdom, but not the act of courageous Harry. It is erroneously believed all through Ohio and throughout the United States that George A. Myers is the man that accomplished Smith's utter defeat. This, I am in a position to know, is erroneous. Myers undoubtedly has driven many a nail (and is continuing to drive) into the coffin of Ohio's Afro-American Cæsar, H. C. Smith, but the man who has done most to accomplish Smith's defeat is Ralph W. Tyler, of Columbus, O. The scheme was concocted at St. Louis during the National convention. Tyler has remained in the back ground to some extent, but has worked while others slept. To his credit, however, let it be said, that he did not seek Smith's prominence for himself, he was not quite that selfish. He wanted Smith's prominence and standing for his friend Myers, and he has secured it. His aim was to defeat Smith and make Myers. In both he has succeeded. Tyler is one of those men who plan away ahead. Like a civil engineer, he surveys his ground, stakes it off and when this is accomplished, begins his construction.

A man that is successful in accumulating property and causing it to increase by wise management, is always more than a match for the man whose life has been spent in politics. So it is in the Tyler-Smith case. Tyler has been very successful in business, and is to-day possessed of more of this world's goods than any young Afro-American in Ohio Smith, while used to political schemes and plans, was no match for a cold, calculating man like Tyler.

Smith has enjoyed and sought political preferment, while Tyler wants nothing political for himself. Myers knew politics. Tyler knew business. These two combined made a dangerous foe—a foe too powerful for brilliant Harry. Tyler, too, is a writer of ability, perhaps the most versatile Afro-American writer in Ohio. His shots at Harry told. The shots were aimed with cold, calculating indifference to self. Tyler would not have a crown; he prefers to be a warrick. Myers swears by Tyler, and Tyler will play the Damon to Myers, Pythias any day.

John P. Green tried to down Smith but failed. Clifford tackled the brave Smith, but failed, Cottrell charged upon Smith, and he, too, was routed. Now comes Tyler, a regular Platt, and after a fierce conflict, routs the great H. C. Smith. All Ohio has watched this fight for the past year. It was a combat between gladiators. Smith was excitable and several times displayed bad generalship. Tyler and Myers were at all times cool and collected. They won, and now as victors they have many sycophants bowing to them. Myers will accept only political honors that have power without salary attached. Tyler will accept neither empty or filled political honors. This makes them a dangerous pair to fight. Both are well to do financially. Both have great foresight, and both are strong mentally. I admire and love Harry Smith and deplore his fall, for I believe in his defeat we have lost a good man. But how could he stand against the united forces of such men as Tyler and Myers? Myers is the black Hanna of Ohio; Tyler is is the black Platt. Myers, like Hanna, believes in overriding everything. Tyley holds him in check, and together they wait opportunities. Tyler is deliberate and calculating; Myers spurs him up and together they fight hard and desperately.

I know them both intimately, and while I admire them, I cannot help but deplore their defeat of Smith. Will they, knowing that they have whipped, withdraw from the field feeling that their victory will satiate their desire? Not these two. They will never let up until Smith sues for peace, and as this is improbable, Smith's return to public favor and power is a thing of the dim distance.

I have it from good authority that Tyler started his paper, the Vindicator, simply to assist them in defeating Smith. Myers tried to get the committee to back the paper, but they refused. It is reported from one close that Tyler said: "To h—l with the committee; I will start a paper with my own money, and let it cost what it will, we will see to it that Harry Smith will be left out and ignored completely in this campaign." He and Myers shook hands over it, and we all know the result. Myers and Tyler are the victors; Hon. Harry C. Smith, the brave lion of his race, lies in defeat, and there are none to do him homage. Such is politics. DARIUS.

Cincinnati, O, Oct 14, '97.

GEN. ANTONIA MACEO.

A Brilliant Figure Around Whom the Aspiring Negro May Twine His Brightest Hopes for the Future.

The decease of Maceo comes to us as a personal affliction. This black patriot was a figure around whom young men were prone to gather and all men proud to acknowledge as chief. He possessed an exceptionally brilliant mind. Keen, thoughtful, reserved, brave, he deserves to rank with Toussaint L'Overture. In his calling he will rank as high as the solon Dumas in his, or President Juarez of Mexico, or that famous black Russian whose poems to-day are sung amid the steppes and mountains of Russia as our own Whittier's are in the hills and vallies of America. We believe as the years go his name and record will acquire a deeper, holier meaning to every one who loves liberty. How can patriots ever consign to oblivion a man with such heroic elements in his nature such statemanlike views, such marvelous gallantry, such majestic faith in his countrymen? We colored Americans need the inspiration of Maceo's memory. In these degenerate days when the gods of our land are silver and gold instead of liberty and freedom, we need the remembrance of some former deeds of such a hero.

The pathos and bravery of his life, the gallantry and martyrdom of his death should consecrate his name in the eyes of colored Americans. We must remember with pride and gratitude these dark-skinned champions of freedom; our children should be taught to revere, if we are to be free forever, those who are fighting, those who have fallen fighting for liberty in whatever clime or whatever country. The same actuating power which made Maceo think that this gem of the Antilles, like the fabled Atlantis, had better be sunk beneath the sea than be desecrated by Spanish mastery, actuated Washington, was the motive which moved Kossuth, and roused Simon Bolivar to drive the hated Spaniards from his native land. The Spaniards knew Maceo out of the way, the leading spirit and life in the struggle for Cuba libre dead, the rebellion would lose its greatest and most brilliant general and a damper would be thrown upon the enthusiasm of patriots everywhere. Then to find some trusted friend of Maceo's was Brute Weyler's next move. He wanted some conscienceless instrument, who close to Gen. Maceo would be willing to act the traitor in exposing his plans and when the moment arrived assassinate his chief for Spanish gold. The cat's paw of Spanish treachery was apparently found in Dr. Maximo Zertricha an intimate friend and the private physician to the general. It is true Zertrichs denies the suspicion, but his conduct tends to confirm the suspicion of his traitorous actions. The correspondence between him and Spain known to have been long continued, has never been and many men think can never be satisfactorily explained. One thing is certain; Dr. Zertricha knows too much concerning Maceo's death. These suspicions are not unreasonable. Dr. Zertricha's immunity from Spanish prisons, the freedom he enjoys, the Spanish friendship given him all point to his guilt. This drunken yet gifted surgeon, whose infirmity his chief deprecated, will go down in history in infamy as a brutal assassin, and despicable ignominy will be his portion as long as man values honor more than gold.

News From the Buckeye Capital.

Columbus, O., Special.

Walter Skinner who shot William Brown at the house of Rose Newby, on Elm alley, was arrested and bound over for murder. Tony Dickerson, the runner for the Arcade hotel, was assulted by a gang of guards of the O. P., who were returning from a political meeting held at Newark. From a statement of members of the Republican Committee, Mr. Jason Tilley, the colored candidate of the Negro party for lieutenant governor, is not a citizen of this state; as he voted in New York City, and registered from 117 W. Thirty-first street. Hon. W. Parham was a visitor at the Republican headquarters. Geo. Myers, of Cleveland, who was badly hurt by the street cars, is able to be out. Jas. Russell has sold out his interest in Clark's and has opened up a saloon on Third street. The local Negro Protective club had a meeting at Kirk Brown's saloon on Third street, as there was free beer, the room was crowded. The meeting addressed by Messrs. Scott and Davidson. Col. Strawder, of Texas, was present, but the free beer gave out before his time to speak, as there was nothing left to speak to but empty chairs, they adjourned until some of the democrats set up free beer. Forney Bros., have opened a saloon on Long street. James Mitchell who was indicted for shooting to kill is being tried. Arrivals at Hotel Triplett: Miss Gertrude Hamilton, Minneapolis, Minn., H. F. Bond, Circleville; W. Crumbly, Hamilton; E. T. Elgin, Cleveland; Frank Reynolds, Mr. Penn and wife, Circleville; and E. E. Salberry, Marietta. James Stanton is on the sick list. Bishop Arnett and son are in the city. E. T. Glover, of Cleveland, is a visitor in the city.

The Grim Messenger—Personals.

South Bend, Ind, Special.

Alvin Oscar Coker son of Elisha and Amanda Coker, departed this life, the 15th at their home in Washington street, aged 19 years, 1 month, 6 days He leaves a father, mother, five brothers, three sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was a faithful member of the Mt. Zion A. M. E. church of Center Michigan. Rev. George D. Smith preached his funeral at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Janey Murphy has returned from Michigan, where she has been two weeks at the bedside of her aunt. Robert Coker has moved back to South Bend. Rev. J. K. Hart of the A. M. E. church is progressing nicely in his second year as pastor. Miss Lilly Walker is home from Michigan. Mrs. Cal Wilson of Niles was in the city last week on business. Miss Flossie Wilson was here last week. The Odd Fellow's social was well attended Friday evening. The churches were well attended Sunday all day. Rev. G. D. Smith returned home in time to preach at 7:30. His subject was, "My Sins have brought me to my Ruin, for the Wages of Sin is Death" Authur Heathcox is in the city. Mrs. Chas. Brown gave a pig foot supper the 22nd for the benefit of the church.

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Alaska Steamship Company.

Mr. J. S. Leahy, General Southern Agent, C. H. & D. Ry., with headquarters at 4th and Vine Sts, Cincinnati, O., has been appointed agent for the Washington and Alaska Steamship Company and will handle this business in connection with C. H. & D. Ry., business to Alaska. Their steamers "City of Seattle" and "Roselie" are giving service every five or six days to Alaska and will run through the winter. They are magnificent steel steamers and make the run from Puget Sound to Dyea and Skaguay in seventy hours. Splendid accomodation for 500 passengers, fitted with electric light and every comfort for passengers. These steamers sail under the American flag.

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BRYAN'S PAPER.

The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

"For several years I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I grew worse gradually until, July 1895, I was suddenly attacked with increased pain and soreness over the pit of my stomach and sharp pains in my right side which rapidly increased until I could scarcely get my breath. A physician was called for immediate relief and hypodermic injections of morphine were resorted to for relief. I was able to be out in about a week but had a second attack the following August, more intense than before. I was reduced from 156 to 134 lbs. in nine days and left wholly unable to take any nourishment. I lived on lime water and a very little milk for several days after. For one year I carried morphine pellets in my pockets ready for an emergency. All this time my stomach was sore and very sensitive. I discovered that what would agree with my stomach this week would probably not next week and that I was getting nearer and nearer to a final collapse. I consulted 3 of the best physicians in the state and two agreed fully as to my ailment but failed to give me relief. Having utterly failed to obtain relief, I finally made arrangements to go to Chicago to be treated when my little boy chanced to get a sample package of Dr. Kay's Renovator which he brought to me. I was induced to try it, not having the least faith in its virtues. I thought the sample relieved me and I purchased a 25 cent box. Before it was all used I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I then used one package of the large Dr. Kay's Renovator and one more of the small size. It is eight months since I commenced using Dr. Kay's Renovator and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Geo. W. Hervey, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 1897. Dr. Kay's Renovator is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and $1. Booklet free Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Sold by H. C. Pomeroy, opp. post office.

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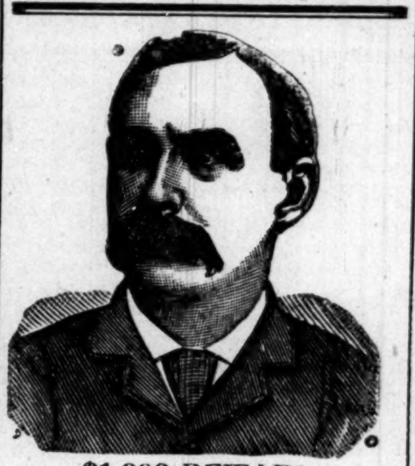

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with all their undertakings, while those who neglect his advice are still laboring against poverty. Through his perfect knowledge of chemistry he can impart to you a secret that will overcome your enemies and win you friends. His aid and advice has often been solicted; the result has always been the securing of speedy and happy marriages and all your wishes. In love affairs he never fails. He has the secret of winning the affections of the opposite sex.

It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting ing in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Ave.; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This is to certify that I came to New York from Albany. I was a stranger in a strange city, out of work and out of money. I had no luck in anything I undertook. What to do I did not know. A friend advised me to go and see Dr. Shea. I did. He told me the cause of my troubles; he took me in and treated me as a brother. Through him I got a good position that very week. I had been to others; they took my money and did me no good. I bless the day I first met Dr. Shea. I would advise all in bad luck, sick or in trouble to go to him at once.

Sincerely, Albert Ayers,

2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now. came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do.

Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,

121-23rd Street.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to under stand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself, I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at one what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truely and and heartily recommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind, Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn,

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Author of "Fred. Jackson's Vow," "Between Two Races," "Maid and Mistress," "Mr. John White, Jr.," "The Cedar Hill School," "Courtship by Proxy," "The Biography of Sarah Martin," "Robbing the Mail," "Judge Clifford's Daughter" (in press), "Marion Brown's Home," "B. Square's Bluster." "The Step-mother's Side of the Story," Etc., Etc , Etc.

CHAPTER VII.

Circumstances—we will not call it fate—forced Charles and Maggie to exchange sections of the country during the summer of 1876. August 10th of that year found him in the North and her in the South; him in Vineland, N. J.; her at home in Norfolk, Va.

Brown left South Mills about the last of July and went to his aunt's home in Brooklyn. After a short visit he started for New York City one morning with the intention of placing in the columns of the New York Sun (then the leading New York newspaper) an advertisement for employment of a kind he would like and know would pay. He could not resist the temptation of running in the postoffice on his way down to see if there was any mail for him. (We will say between the lines that the section of Brooklyn where his aunt resided was not at that date Brooklyn. It was known as "East New York" village or the town of "New Lots" and had no letter carriers, every one calling at the postoffice for their mail. It is now the Twenty-sixth Ward of Brooklyn.) He found one letter in his aunt's letter-box directed to her and marked as we often saw letters marked twenty-five years ago: "In haste." He concluded to return with it. He placed it in his aunt's hand; she requested him to read it; he did so. It was from a Mrs. Carpenter of Vineland, N. J., who was a Quaker friend of his aunt, who was also a Quaker in her religious belief. Mrs. Carpenter said in her letter that she had started in the business of making men's underwear for several large houses in Philadelphia, and that she needed an educated young man to manage the same, to keep books and accounts, be shipping and receiving clerk, pay off the sewing girls and look after the business in general. She preferred to employ a colored youth, and asked Brown's aunt if she knew of an honest educated colored man to fill the position.

Brown at once concluded that the letter was a God-send, and so told his aunt. They both opened correspondence with Mrs. Carpenter, the result of which was that Brown took the position and we find him in Vineland, after spending a week at the Centennial in Philadelphia, on August 10th. Vineland at this date was an unsophisticated temperance village, a utopian town of the highest degree. It was said that if a pocket book was lost along one of the streets or roads and was found it would be tied up to the nearest tree where it would stay—no matter what its contents might be—until its owner passed that way. It is needless to say that in such a town there was no color line. The large colored population of the town were on the best social relations with their white neighbors. They attended the same churches and took important parts at church fairs, surprise parties and the other few simple enjoyments of the day. Sleigh-riding during winter, and buggy-riding during summer were in the minds of the beaux and belles, both colored and white, the acmes of pleasure and bliss.

It was fashionable to get up "buggy parties" in summer and sleigh-riding ones in winter. The young folks would form a club, for the time being, the boys "chipping in" and engaging so many buggies or sleighs as the season demanded, and the girls cooking up crullers, cakes, etc., etc. They would start from the "Baker House," the only hotel in the town, and take a moonlight ride six miles to Millville where they would enjoy the evening in the old fashioned parlor of the Stratton House until the "wee sma' hours." At least one-third of these happy parties were colored couples. It is well also to say that Millville was a "wet" town and after the boys had cared for the wants of their sweethearts, they would excuse themselves and go out "to see how the horses were getting on" far oftener than they would have done had they driven from Millville to Vineland, the town of the "dry."

It was his second one of these mid-summer drives that Charles Forrester Brown was introduced to Miss Susan Green, a pretty brown skin maiden, who was seemingly, perfection in looks, manners, actions, intellect, and the general make-up of a modest and charming young gentlewoman. He enjoyed her company and she enjoyed his. She was the only well-read young woman in the town, white or colored and Brown often, to while away the dull hours after business spent the evenings in Miss Green's company. It is true he could have spent these evenings in the company of his employer, Mrs. Carpenter or her two pretty daughters as he was a member of the family and ate at the family table with them. He did not wish to do so, for the reason that although of a somewhat religious turn of mind and raised under the strictest religious schooling he did not think it was needful for our happiness here or hereafter to read the Bible every night, sing a few hymns, look sad and go to bed. As this was the evening program of Mrs. Carpenter and daughters, he preferred to spend his evenings outside of the Carpenter house. There was another, and perhaps more important reason why he spent his nights in the village among his own people. For weeks after his advent at Vineland he had no dealings with colored people All of Mrs. Carpenter's employees at the same time were white. He ate with her family and slept under her roof. He, however, reasoned with himself thus: "Now there are lots of colored people here in Vineland, and I should get acquainted with them for two reasons: First if I don't, they will say that I am stuck up and am a 'white folks' nigger, and in case I get sick and am obliged to leave my employment and seek a place where I can have a doctor's care, none of them will board me, and in the second place as I am an Odd Fellow and there is a lodge in town, I should visit it so I am going out and mix in with the colored people of the town." He carried out his resolution with the results just mentioned and others not mentioned. Those not mentioned were that he was the best read and the best educated man of color in the village. He was soon at the head of all church committees, surprise parties among his people, a Sunday school teacher, a beau and a leading young man of the town in the eyes of both black and white. He was saving lots of money and looked forward to the day when he would go to Norfolk and marry Margaret Brown and live a life of bliss. With such happy dreams of the future, the year of 1876 ended.

"Formed to enjoy—with longings all repressed,
Led by our spirit's law—life's first essay
Is happiness! Still in the future blest—
The past forgot—we give our hearts a prey
To expectation! Happier did we rest—
And if not pleased, yet passive! Our brief day
Is quickly summed. Then leaves thy hopes and sorrows
To Him who gives and may withhold to-morrow."

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CHILD ALMOST ROASTED.

Four-year-old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones Badly Burned While Playing—Personal.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

The little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones, while playing in the kitchen at her home, caught her clothing on fire while playing too near the stove and was badly burned before the flames could be extinguished. Mrs. Jones seeing the great danger of her daughter burning to death, made an effort to tear off the clothing and in doing so was herself seriously burned about the arms and hands. The flesh of the little one was literally roasted about the chest and shoulders and was a most pitiful object. The condition of the child is reported to be most critical although hope has not been abandoned of its ultimate recovery. George Beechamp, delegate to the C. M. E. conference, left for St. Louis Thursday. Mrs. Rev. R. Terrell is visiting the conference at St. Louis. A number of people from this city left on Saturday for St. Louis to attend the annual conference. Mrs. Eliza Johnson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed. Harper, returned to Cairo, Saturday. Mrs. Charlotte Walker, who has spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Walker, returned to Carmi. Mrs. Joe Tandy is visiting Mrs. Walter Ritter, of St. Louis. Nelson Brefford, who has been visiting in this city, returned to St. Louis. George Standard spent a few days last week attending the Exposition and other sight seeing in St. Louis. Misses Martha and Lucy Brefford, of St. Louis, Messrs. Earl Person, of Pembrook, Ky., and Arthur Willis, of Indianapolis, have arrived in the city to attend the colored school. Little Venue Pricilla, the infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W Owsley was Baptised at the C. M. E. church Sunday evening, by Rev. R. R. Howard. Rev. R. R. Howard, who filled the pulpit made vacant by the death of Rev. Terrel, preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening and departed for the C. M. E. conference. Rev. Howard's ministerial work is highly appreciated in Mt. Vernon and his retun is solicited. Rev. J. I. Winyard, of the Baptist church preached an eloquent sermon Tuesday evening and returned to Centralia. It is hinted that Rev. S. S. Oliver, of Carmi, will be called to the Baptist church here. Alex. Sneed, of New Harmony, enroute to Owensboro, Ky., spent a few days in the city last week, the guest of Wm. Sutton. Our sick list consists of the following: Miss Rosa E. Sutton, Mrs. Marshall Campbell and James Buckner. Mrs. Harriett Bell will move to Centralia soon to spend the winter. Among the excursionists to St. Louis last Saturday to visit the Exposition were: Misses Barbara E. Slaughter, Mary R. Sutton, Rosa E. Sutton, Joey Covington, Martha Covington, Hattie Mullins, Messrs. A. W. Turley, Minnie Mullins, Jennie Tandy, Mollie Beechamp, Ellen Jackson, Minnie Stones, Jennie Kelly, Florence Renfro, Julia Renfro and Ludie S. Hall. Mrs. Rev. A. Clairs and children who have been visiting in Mt. Vernon, left for Chester last week. Harry Powell, of Detroit, Mich, is visiting here.

News from the "Windy City."

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Rev. J. R. Clemins has been very ill but is improving. Miss Gertrude Campbell, age 15 years, died recently. She was a member of St. Stephens' Sunday school. A Rainbow entertainment will be given the 26th for the benefit of St. Stephens' Sunday school. The Y. P S. C. E. meets every Sunday evening at 6:30, Mr. Thomasson president. Do not fail to attend Sunday school at 2:30. The Supt., Mrs. W. Burlows, is doing all in her power to make the Sunday school first in standing. Everything is moving along nicely, and they are promised a wonderful success this year. James Siegel died here recently. A large number of people attended the concert at Bethel church Monday evening. Attorney Lee and Messrs. Allen and Turner gave interesting talks on the Alton separate school question last Sunday evening at the Methodist church. Providence Baptist church raised $8.70 for the support of testing the Alton school question.

To Suppress Mob Low.

The National Anti-Mob and Lynch Law Association, with headquarters in Springfield, O., has elected the following officers: National President, Wm. H. Dixon; National Secretary, Samuel E. Huffman; National Organizer, E. T. Butler. The organization is incorporated under the State laws of Ohio. It is proposed to establish branches of the association throughout the country for the purpose of discouraging mobs and to secure such legislation as will insure the suppression entirely of such practices. The office of the association is located at 503 Lagonda avenue, and for all information concerning the association should be addressed to the secretary at the above number.

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A RACIAL CRISIS?

The student who reads the times aright, certainly must conclude that the unrest noticeable among the Negroes in politics, religion and society, is of an alarming nature. There is no use in attempting to disguise the fact that while the Negro is receiving more political recognition than ever before, yet at the same time he grows more clamorous. Thousands of more dollars are being poured in the coffers of the race than was dreamed of a decade ago. Hundreds of the best "brains" of the race hold positions of trust, profit and honor; but notwithstanding all of this, the low mutterings of discontent is perceptibly increasing. The question arises naturally, what is the root of the trouble? The answer comes readily enough; it is the failure of that beautiful system of supply and demand—as applied to the educational and industrial systems of this country. This country in its very humane policy has so arranged affairs that an education of some degree befalls every man providing he desires it. The white man's education is his certain capital; good in any mart, politics, commerce or otherwise. On the other hand, the Negro, with the same education, often obtained at the same schools, and at the hands of the same masters, becomes a social misfit, owing to the limited space in which he must move. The ten thousand channels to which a white man invitingly enters, are narrowed down to the score more or less when it concerns the Negro. Those avenues which are opened to him becomes at once congested and as every year the thousand schools fling into full citizenship its untold numbers, the situation is not apt to improve. Those who are learned are too much crowded in the walks of life, not only the learned, but the unlearned finds his chances of livelihood growing more and more limited, which means starvation and death. The professions of doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers and politicians are the most lucrative ones among the race. Politics by far is the most glittering and attractive, but alas, very often like a whited sepulchre. The bulk of the schooled men rush to politics as the avenue of escape from penury and woe to wealth and affluence. The yearly output of the schools have augmented this class without a corresponding ratio of selections for service. Thus the supply is greater than the demand, and political stagnation is the result. The result is a matter of chagrin to those who have been led to believe that education was the motor, the panacea of all ills, or the leveller of all ranks. The discontent without much doubt can be said to arise from the educational and industrial systems, which should be mutual complements, but which most emphatically are not so. The question reduces itself to one of bread and butter or sustenance, and in the great contest the confines have been reached in the limited sphere of opportunities. It is but fair to say that in a few years hence if conditions do not change, political integrity, party gratitude or party principles are likely to be obsolete terms in the Negro's vocabulary. The candidate with the longest purse is very apt to be the most popular one in the future, and the wonder is that it has not been so for a dozen or more years. The white man is solely responsible for this condition; barricading the doors of his mills—avenues to trades impregnable to assault and other social ills that the eastern hemisphere recks not of; yet amid it all there are those among the other race, who on every occasion make it a matter of pleasure to demonstrate what the Negro is not, by shining examples. The unrest so marked that seems to effect eight millions of people as one man, politically speaking, is not a lack of gratitude, but the immediate result of under consumption of the race's product in the way of employment of its citizens. While it is a discontent, it is not born of a love for other parties and men other than usual, but born out of sheer despair, at an unimproved condition from a civic, social and financial standpoint. In fact, it is the place where the races must meet at no distant time, when all dissimulation, hypocrisy and cant must disappear, and where the issues must be plainly met and plainly dealt with. The question of lines in trades, boycots and other impediments against the Negro must be dealt with. These things, it again may be said, are the secret of the restlessness. Parties can not hope to count for as much in the future as in the past as long as the industrial system is all wrong.

Religiously, affairs are not much better; all traced to the same cause. It requires an unusual amount of faith to embrace a religion practiced by those who bear down the heel of oppression so relentlessly. The young man and young woman of Negro extraction are thinking on those lines or acting intuitively in the matter. The church in America, as a Negro institution, cannot thrive until the trend of affairs are very far different. The hurrah, the eclat may be apparent, but to the earnest observer, the zeal and fervor born of enrapt faith, is growing less. It is a natural consequence. The new young man of woman will never be able to see that he or she should thus be classified; and their faith in all institutions will be shaken and religion will suffer and is suffering. The new young man is beginning to hide his social deformity in his cups like the white man when excommunicated from society. Dissipation, seemingly, is the solace when nature and man seem to act contrarily, all of which is to be deplored, but which is in complete consonance with history of all time. The Negro race is a splendid case of isolation; born amid the foremost people of the earth, yet as much apart as though they were denizens of the moon. Morally, the race can not hope to compete with a race that has something to be moral for—aims, hopes, ambitions. If there is a moral disintegration of the race, or if there is no proof of moral improvement, it is chargeable to the same cause. Latter day Negro parents see no rift in the low threatening clouds of despair that promises hope and cheer. They see the same treadmill of circumstances, the same routine of the most servile labor; undignified toil standing waiting as surely for the offspring as the cast limitations of East India awaits its future citizens. To sensitive minds who can not wait a thousand years for race evolution, life is but a vast hippodrome where the Negroes play their part as so many puppets in the hands of the veteran showman. School houses are a mockery to those who serve their time there and yet must play the minor role in every situation in life, all of which is chargeable to the failure of the law of supply and demand as related to the race. Sweet maternity or sweet motherhood has reached its limitations. The parent unwillingly ushers to the world a new being whose finality is known at its inception, or at the beginning of its existence. The average mother and father looks forward with fond anticipation to the time when the unborn hope may be a nation's, state's or a community's idol:

> "Whole hosts may hail him with deserved acclaim,
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Such a condition under prevailing circumstances can not come to the Negro. That is to say, his ascent is entirely adventitious, the result of caprice, chance or luck rather than the result of any well defined policies or plans of procedure—no well connected causes and effects. The Negro parents can not build for the morrow, owing to the pernicious system in vogue that make the Negro denizens instead of citizens, that are full partakers of the country's weal or woe.

THE UNREASONABLE CITIZEN.

The white man who closes every avenue of improvement against the Negro and then abuses him for not improving, is as unreasonable as the tyrant who punishes the Jew for not making brick without straw, and without the straw.—Lexington Standard.

The above is a very sensible editorial nugget; it is to the point decidedly. Not the white man alone, but very often the colored man who has had a pull, and his name is not legion, abuses the race in this respect when the opportunity for profitable employment is sadly wanting. Whether the race sinks or swims, survives or perish, it cannot be said up to this time that the chances for commercial success has ever been within its grasp. A business training comes through the channels of business transactions, and it is known full well that the presence of a Negro in business places is resented as an intrusion from one end of the country to the other. Like any rule, there are exceptions in this matter, but these exceptions are not numerous enough to disturb the rule. It is really injurious to the race to spread broadcast these race infirmities; infirmities perforce of circumstances and not through inherent disqualifications, but in the face of the wholesale accusations of shiftlessness, the world should be informed as to the facts in the case.

YOUR Hon. Thomas T. is getting in his rabbit foot. Mr. T. is all right, but he is in the wrong party.—Sorry.

THE Bee can scarcely attend to its Ohio end of affairs for making faces at Mr. Cooper on account of his good fortune.

THE raping and lynching wave is on with a vengeance. Comment has gone to seed—rapist and the lynchist are wedded to their idols.

THE war wages in Ohio and Baltimore, which ever way the victory goes, it will be a subject of much inquiry as to the whys and wherefores.

MR. H. C. SMITH, of Ohio, is demonstrating his splendid ability as a fighier at least. He has a long and formidable list of combatants. He shows no signs as yet of hoisting the white flag.

MR EMMET J. SCOTT has given up his struggle for the postmastership of Houston, Tex., and accepted the post of private secretary to Booker T. Washington. Mr. Scott is very well known in newspaper circles.

THE Washington Bee is exceedingly wrothy over Mr. E. E. Cooper's appointment in Washington City, but it says it is not. But it proves the contrary by speaking disparagingly of Mr. Cooper's selection in six different items. The Bee should be made of stern stuff.

IF the civil service is abolished in the government printing office, it should be abolished in all departments of government.—Colored American.

The Freeman is not apprised of the merits of this controversy, but feel safe in seconding the sentiment of the Colored American.

MR W. ALLISON SWEENEY is in luck. He has been appointed custodian of Tomlinson hall, of this city, by the Democratic administration. From a Democratic point of view, the appointment is well deserved if push and pluck counts for anything. Mr. Sweeney is very well known in journalistic circles, he having been connected with The Freeman sometime in the past.

MR R. W. THOMPSON, of the government printing office, should not be a special target of attack. Any one that knows anything of Mr. Thompson, according to his brilliant intellect, knows that he would enhance the total value of any community in which he might move. It goes without saying that he is one of the brightest productions of the race. His consummate ability checkmates any of his presumed political weaknesses. Furthermore, he has flung aside all political togs and has taken his place amid the intellectual giants of the race, doing what he can to earn for is respect and appreciatiation. The race needs Mr. Thompson.

PAUL DUNBAR, they say, is to be married. The old question as to when a poet does his best work, prior or subsequent to his marriage, may again be agitated. We do not desire to be discouraging, but the ghost of Byron, Shelly and Milton are conjured up at the thought of a poet's wife. We bid him cheer and God speed and may he avoid all forms of proes in this most poetical (?) undertaking.

THE Herculean club has chosen Mr. Wm. Walden, deputy sheriff, to preside over its destines for the next term. Mr. Walden is a young Republican who is endowed with lots of energy. The club, which has been so favorably known throughout the country, will take on new vigor under his administration. He will be ably seconded by an energetic board of directors.

Tullahoma's Gleaning.

Tullahoma, Tenn., Special.

A very hard rain fell recently, the first we have had in several weeks. Mrs. Lucy Davidson, who has been very ill, has recovered. Mrs. Carlista Hale, who has been quite sick, is improving. Among the many visitors to the Centennial last week was Miss Artamissie Jetton, our teacher. Miss Jetton is one of Murfreesboro's rising young ladies. There was quite an excitement in our town last Thursday night. Little Willie Strambler, the four-year-old child of Mrs. Hattie Strambler, got lost while trying to go from his home to that of a relative. After many hours of earnest hunting and scouring the woods he was found three miles from home unharmed. Rev. T. D. L. Ledbetter will leave in a few days for the annual conference, which convenes at Columbia, Tenn.. Rev. J. W. Wood, president of the Ex-Slave Bounty and Pension Association, of Union City, Tenn., is here and has had great success in organization. Rev. Wood is an honest, upright man and a Christian gentleman. Mrs. Martha Darling and her two little grand-daughters, Mabel and Maggie Matton, who have been visiting Mrs. Lucy Davidson, have returned to their homes in Bellview. Charles Barnes, an old and honorable citizen, is dead.

The Annual Conference.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society has erected a beautiful monument in its cemetery. This society leads all others in its forward movements. Mrs. Elnora Bowman, its honored president, Messrs. Cartwright, Cannon, Clayborne and others deserve much praise. We regret that Rev. J. W. Richmond has been changed to Murfreesboro. Shelbyville will miss him. We congratulate Murfreesboro on its good fortune. Rev. Primm, who succeeds Elder Richmond, comes well recommended. Rev. J. J. Jamar, pastor of Capers Chapel at Nashville, was here last week visiting the annual conference of M. E. Church South. He addressed the conference and secured a collection of $35 for his new church. The event of the week was a sermon preached to the conference by Bishop L. H. Holsey. It was an unusual sight to see a Negro holding a white audience spell-bound by his irresistible eloquence and logic, and to hear the hearty "amens" and "glory hallelujahs" coming forth spontaneously. Many of our white citizens say they never heard a more powerful sermon. The conference gave the bishop $200 for Lane Seminary. Rev. D. W. Binford has had great success in his revival at Unionville. About fifty have been added to the church. Rev. Binford is a success. Rev. Henry Thompson has held a successful revival at Flat Creek. Mrs. L. H. McAdams closed her school at Flat Creek with an exhibition and dinner. The house was crowded. B. P. Thompson delivered an address. The public schools in the country are closing quite rapidly, and it is the concensus of opinion that they are better upon the whole than in any previous year. Our race variety continues to go down to the big show—Centennial. The people of Scott Chapel and the town received Elder Primm with open arms He is an old and energetic pastor, and will do well. Rt. Rev. L. H. Holsey has been stopping with Rev. B. A. J. Nix on two or three days. The members of the A. M. E. Church gave an entertainment for their pastor, Rev. Nixon, on the 22d, known as the "Last Rose of Summer." It was a great success. A large audience attended and listened to the farewell sermon of Rev. Nixon Monday night. He left Tuesday morning for the Tennessee A. M. E. annual conference. The church has been greatly revived under his guidance this year. The Turner Normal and Theological Institute opens November 15

News From the Cloudy City.

Leadville, Col., Special.

After the snow-storm on the 16th, which was the second of its kind this month, the weather is beautiful. Mr. Edward Nunn is on the sick list. The Ida B. Wells Political Club met on the 8th. The crazy supper given at the A. M. E. Church on the 21st was a grand affair. There will be a mass meeting of all the Christian Endeavor and other young Christian society people of the city at the M. E. Church on November 9 to organize a union, at which time an interesting program will be rendered. Rev. M. C. Smith, of Aspen, who went to Missouri, has been transferred back to Colorado and will be stationed at Cripple Creek. His wife, who is visiting relatives in this city, will leave for that place soon. Mesdames S. Everett, N. Reynolds, F. King, J. W. Young, M. S. Robinson, S. Anderson, D. F. Robinson and S. Ford attended the carnival at Denver; also Misses Ernie Talbert, Mary and Mattie Rowls. Miss Cora B Anderson has returned to Denver, where she will attend the business college. Rev. Mrs. R. Cason has been very sick, but is now convalescent. Edward Hamilton is expecting his family over from Aspen. Mrs. S. Everett and daughter Stella are visiting in Denver.

Church News.

Potosi, Mo., Special.

Potosi is spiritually alive. The second quarterly conference of the Potosi charge was held October 18-19. Rev. J. H. Noland, of Ironton, held the quarter and preached three able sermons to large congregations. Sunday night he presented to his hearers the "Coat of Righteousness" in such a heart-searching manner that for a short while the house was one scene of excitement. All agree that it was the greatest meeting ever held in Potosi. The elder complimented Rev. F. D. Avant, the young and eloquent pastor of the charge, upon the masterly way in which he sticks to the law of the church. This is his first year in the ministry, and he has already added twenty-seven members to the church. A bright future is before him.

A Club Association

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The colored clubs of Chicago will organize a Chicago Colored Club Association Wednesday, November 10, in Friends' Illinois Club parlors. Clubs expected to join the association are as follow: Mistletoe Social Club, Friends of Illinois, Century Club, Lone Star, Columbia Club, Columbian Club, Golden Leaf Club. These are the most prominent colored clubs in Chicago. Those suspended from any one of the clubs belonging to the association cannot join another belonging to the association. There shall be association officers elected by the various clubs belonging to the association. For further information apply to James M. Cassel, acting corresponding secretary for the association, Friends of Illinois Club parlors, 2926 Dearborn street, or the acting president, Dudley F. Oglesby, 3524 Dearborn street. Association now open for membership.

THE VOICE OF THE PRESS.

The colored voters of Baltimore do not intend to relinquish their affinity with the g. o. p.—Race Standard.

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Dunbar, the poet, is about to be married. He will find in married life some prose as well as poetry.—Colored American.

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We must make friends with the liberal minded white elements. We cannot afford to be the cause of any radical divisions of the races. Peace and prosperity go hand in hand.—Richmond Planet.

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We fight one another too much to succeed. If we would combine the energies we exert against each other and use them against our common foe, much would be accomplished that is now being daily lost to the whole race.—National Reflector.

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We congratulate the Hon. T. Thomas Fortune on the support he is giving Gen. Tracey for mayor of Greater New York. Now if friend Fortune will turn in and help the Republicans carry Ohio, all will be forgiven him. Come Fortune, it is never too late to do good.—Savannah Tribune.

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The white Baptists of the United States are retrenching in African mission work—every year they are doing less than formerly for Africa, and unless the Afro Americans rise up and send the gospel to the "dark continent," it will not be sent by American Baptists.—Florida Evangelist.

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Isham's Octoroons pleased well filled houses nightly, last week in Philadelphia.

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W. H. Power and Ida P. Gibson have joined Edwards' Jubilee Singers.

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Bob Cole's latest composition, entitled "Queen of Shinbone Alley," is being sung with much success.

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Billy and Willie Farrell were the headliners at the Wonderland Theatre, Rochester, N. Y., last week.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are touring New York State with much success.

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Puggsley Bros.' Tennessee Warblers are this week appearing before appreciative audiences at Greensburg, Pa.

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Charles Pope and Irving Sayles, comedians, have joined Harry Rickard's Vaudevilles, now touring Australia.

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Flynn & Sheridan's Big Sensation packed the Empire Theatre, Indianapolis, at each performance, week the 18th.

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Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels are filling a three-night engagement to big business, this week, at Memphis, Tenn.

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Bennett & Morgan's Operatic Quadroons drew big houses, at the Gaiety Theatre, Binghamton, N. Y., week of the 17th.

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Williams and Walker, New York's prime favorites, appeared last week with Hyde's Comedians, at Washington, D. C.

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Irving Jones, Burt Grant and Sadie Jones, scored a pronounced hit at Keiths Union Square Theatre, New York City, last week.

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Monroe H. Rosenfeld's clever conceit, "I Don't Care if Yo' Nebber Comes Back," is being featured with much success by Williams and Walker, also Billy and Willie Farrell.

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The Oriental Troubadours opened their season at Williamsport, Pa., to good business. Everything is working smoothly and the prospects are bright for a most prosperous season.

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The male quartette—Geo. W. Barrett, baritone; Chas. Henri Puggsley, tenor; William A. Baynard, piano specialties, and Salem T. Whitney, basso, are recieving a large of applause with the Oriental Troubadours.

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Mr. and Mrs. Coley Grant, of Sheridan & Flynn's City Sports, are making a big hit at each performance. In Buck and Wing Dancing they claim the championship.

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Prof. Will A. Cook, of Washington, D. C., is writing an opera, which will be produced next season. This production will surpass in splendor of costumes in brilliancy of the scenic artist, in originality of the plot and music and in the cleverness of the vocalists, dancers and chorus any in which the Negro has yet appeared. Williams and Walker have been engaged to assume the comedy roles.

Chrysanthemum Show

At Indianapolis, Ind. On account of the Chrysanthemum Show at Indianapolis, agents of the C. H. & D. Ry., in Indiana will sell tickets to Indianapolis at one and one third for the round trip. Tickets good going Nov. 3rd and 4th. Good returning from Indianapolis until Nov. 7th inclusive.

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Excursion to Evansville, Ind.,

Via C., H. & D. Ry., or account of the Special Convention, Y. M. C. A. of Indiana, which meets at Evansville, Nov. 4th to 7th inclusive. Agents of the C. H. & D. Ry. in Indiana will sell ticket on Nov. 4th, 5th and 6th, good returning until Nov. 8th inclusive at rate one fare for the round trip.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

There were five accessions to the church last Sunday.

The church was crowded last Sunday morning to listen to the second sermon in the series of sermons on the "Life of Job," theme "Job's Appeal to God." The third and last on the life of Job will be delivered to-morrow morning by the pastor, "Job's Confession and Restoration."

The Ancient Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem will have their annual sermon preached to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at this church. Rev. W. V. Saunders, the learned and talented divine of Knightstown, will preach at 7:45 p. m.

The first quarterly meeting of this conference next Sunday Nov. 7. Pastors and their congregations are most cordially invited to be present. Rev. D. A. Graham the popular pastor of Bethel church will preach the sacramental sermon at 2:30 p. m. Let christians of all denominations unite in earnest prayer to God for a glorious time. Rev. C. C. Townsend, P. E., will be present and preach at 10:45 p.m. The announcing of his name is enough to insure your presence.

Special sermons have been requested and will be delivered by the pastor as follows: Sunday evening Nov. 14, "I Have Put off My Coat, How Shall I Put it On? I Have Washed My Feet, How shall I Defile Them?"

Sunday evening Nov. 21, under the caption of Samson and Delilah, "He Looses His Eyes and is Compelled to Grind in the Prison House."

Sunday evening, Nov. 28 under the caption of Samson and Delilah, "He Feels the Pillars and once more Appeals to God, or the Unfortunate may Receive Strength if they Look to the Rock of Ages."

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

There is a marked increase in the school; attendance last Sunday, 218.

The primary department with its efficient superintendent, Mrs. Ella Williams, and assistant, Mrs. Ella Murray, is steadily increasing.

The teachers of the primary department are Mesdames Lizzie Venable, Gertrude Payne Lizzie Bush, Misses Ida Miller, Mamie Allen, May Jackson John Carmichael.

Wm. Thompson, our superintendent, is putting forth every effort to make this school an interesting one. The teachers are: Rev. Murray, Mrs. Ida Underwood, Lillie Warfield, Stella Carey, Patsey Dean, Mr. Crosby and Miss Emma Williams.

The Normal Bible class has a membership of 41; Rev. Murray instructor; Miss Orace Gurnell secretary.

Prof. Metz of Nashville, Tenn., paid our school a visit last Sunday.

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CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Uusual services last Sunday. In the morning the pastor made earnest appeal to the young people to do some service for the Almighty while youth lasted. Several young persons present expressed great interest in the sermon.

Sunday morning the subject will be "What we owe to the Spread of the Gospel," a missionary sermon. Sunday evening "The Reasonableness of Religion."

Mrs. Tolbert, mother of Mrs. Geo. Prince, died at their home in Dorman street Tuesday. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Blackshear, Thursday afternoon at Corinthian church of which she was an old and faithful member.

All members are notified to be present next Friday night at the monthly business meeting.

A Spirit of Discontent.

There is a general spirit of discontent among colored Republicans the country over, caused by the attitude of white Republicans in not according a just proportion of recognition to their faithful allies. The false presumption that colored men are Republicans under any and all circumstances has got to go, and white politicians will in the future realize that promises must be kept and patronage equally distributed, if they are to have the support of the Negro.—Colorado Springs Sun.

Scintillations.

The theory that the colored Methodist church does not furnish some of the best brains of this country must forever fall to the ground, goes without saying.—Exchange.

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E. E. Cooper, of the Colored American, Washington, D. C, has been appointed Assistant Inspector of streets by the District commissioners. Small favors are thankfully received, but Mr. Cooper deserves a better position than this in recognition of his valuable service.—American Baptist.

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We congratulate the Hon. Edward E. Cooper, of the Colored American, on his appointment as a sanitary officer in the city of Washington. He really deserves better, but this is a good beginning. Go on Ed. Your friends rejoice everywhere.—Southern Age.

Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, well known as the plucky agitator against lynch law, and for some time the editor of the Chicago Conservator, retires from the editorial chair of that influential journal, much to the regret of her many friends. She has done excellent service as a journalist and her contemporaries express heartfelt regret at her retirement. She deserves and has the lasting gratitude of her people May her future be bright with happiness and usefulness.—The Charleston Enquirer.

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RACE GLEANINGS.

There are only three Negro telegraph operators in this country; but they are all first-class.

Virginia colored men have organized a Klondike company to send thirty men to that section next spring.

Miss Stella Hart of Indianapolis is one of the stenographers for the Chicago Daily Record at the Chicago office.

Miss Agnes Bolden, of Cleveland, is a clerk in the cloak department of one of the largest dry goods houses in that city.

Kansas has a colored clerk of court at Hill City, a colored county attorney at the same place, a postmaster at Nicodemus and a professor of music who teaches in a mixed school.

Things have greatly changed in Halifax county, N. C., during the past few years. Now they have a Negro county commissioner, a Negro postmaster at every important postoffice in the county but two, a Negro jailer, and a Negro court crier.

Clizo Ann Grier, a coal black Negress was licensed to practice medicine recently by the board of state medical examiners at Atlanta, Ga. The board of the white physicians were astonished when the Negress presented herself for examination. It was the first application made to the board by a woman of her race, and she is the first colored woman addmitted to practice in the state. She presented a diploma from the Woman's medical college of Philadelphia, Pa., and was found to be thoroughly informed in her profession.

Probably the first heir of an African throne ever graduated from an American college is So-Mayou. He has just received his diploma from Cobb Divinity school, at Lewiston, Me., and during the next year proposes to travel over the United States under the auspices of the Free Baptist church, before returning to the Bassa tribe on the West Coast of Africa, where he will devote his life to the welfare of his countrymen. When he arrived in this country he changed his name to Louis P. Clinton.

A very prosperous business man of Atchison is not only colored, but blind as well. His name is Edward I. Ingram and he conducts a broom factory. With the assistance of two brothers he manufactures brooms enough to supply half the Atchison trade, and his work is so excellent that he has a market for all the brooms he can turn out. The blind merchant is very particular in the making of his brooms, and sorts all the straw himself. Ingram is unusually smart, and the output of his factory is so uniformly excellent that his brooms are gaining a reputation outside of Kansas.

A noble movement among the colored race is the founding of the American Negro Academy. This Academy is an organization of authors, scholars, graduates and writers, men of African descent, for the promotion of letters, art, literature and science; for the creation of a form of literary taste; to encourage and assist scholarship; to stimulate inventive and artistic power and to aid in the publication of works of merit and genius. Among those interested in it are Dr. F. J. Grimke, a graduate of Princeton; Dr. Alexander Crummell, a graduate of Oxford, Eng., and an author of fine attainments; Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, and a mathmetician of note; Prof. Du Bois, a graduate of Harvard and the foremost sociologist of the Negro race; Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the poet; Prof. Scarborough, of Wilberforce, quite eminent as a Greek scholar and author; Prof. Hoffman, of Orangeburg, N. C.; Drs. Bowen and Crogman, of Atlanta University, noted for their scholarship, and Bishop Tanner, of Philadelphia. All of these men are scholars and easily measure up to the higher standards.

Officers Installed.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Rev. C. L. Harris of the First Congregational church, preached a splendid sermon at his church Sunday morning, the 17th. Rev. S. A. Rivers, the newly elected pastor of the New Hope church, preached an able sermon last Sunday, after which the Lord's Supper was administered. Quite a large congregation was present. The Christian Endeavor Society was well attended Sunday evening the 17th at 5:30. A. C. Taylor lead the meeting. Rev. C. L. Harris made a short address which was well listened to. Rev. D. G. Griffin, former pastor of Pilgrim Progress Baptist church, East End, was tried before Justice T. H. Griffin's court on the 14th, and fined $50 and costs. Isaiah Fikes is still very sick with rheumatism. Emanuel Payne and his son, J. C., are in Philadelphia, Miss., doing carpenter work. Mrs. D. C. Creizer returned to the city the 24th. New Hope Baptist church held a rally last Sunday. Amanda Smith Lodge No. 10 Knights and Ladies of Honor met at St. James A. M. E. church on the 14th and held an installation. Rev. W. H. Coleman, D. P. G., made a good talk for the occasion. Robt. Miller, who has been sick for some time is able to be out again. The B. Y. P. U. met at New Hope Baptist church Sunday the 17th. Rev. M. Klein preached in the East End on the 17th. A. W. Reed and Miss Mittie Ivey were married here Sept. 28. Rev. S. H. Cannon preached at Marion the 17th. Joe Nelson passed through Meridian on the 16th. Mrs. J. W. Longstreet has returned from Macon accompanied by her little son, Joseph.

Interesting News Notes.

St. Charles, Ark., Special.

There is a great deal of sickness in this section of the country. It is so dry stock are suffering for water in some places. An entertainment was given at the Oak Grove school house the 15th. Z. D Seers and George Pettles were arrested for disturbing the peace. Four others for gambling. The Methodist held their last class meeting at St. Paul last Sunday. Rev. J. H. Keith pastor. The people of Hopewell settlement met Oct. 11th and organized a Burial Society, Jas. Smith president. Services were conducted at Oak Grove Sunday at 11 a. m. by Revs. Tillman and Henry Johnson of Little Rock; Sunday night by Revs. Jones and J. Hokes. Sunday night at Hopewell M. B. church services by Revs. H. F. Studdlefield and K. G. Madison. Miss Margaret Johnson is not improving. She has been ill for four months. W. C. Stroud is on the sick list. Miss Lucinda Moore left for Pine Bluff to attend the B. M. College.

Colored Jurymen.

Huntsville, Ala., Special.

A glance at the list of jurors drawn for the November term of circuit court shows the names of several colored men from various parts of the county. Sheriff Tulgham has set a pace along this line. L. G. Lowe was in Chattanooga last week taking civil service examination. Mr. Lowe is an intelligent young man and his many friends feel hopeful of him passing. The gobble of the fattening turkey is suggestive of the approach of Thanksgiving Day. Miss Gertie B. McGill, a popular teacher in the city schools, is kept from duty on account of ill health. Rev. J. F. Humprey is slightly indisposed. The teachers of Madison county held an institute at Meridianville last Saturday. Dr. Humphrey, county superintendent of education was present. Prof. W. H. Councill delivered an address in his usual forceful and logical style that was enjoyed and highly appreciated by all. Enrollment at the city schools has not yet reached a hundred. Parents who for a number of years have enjoyed the privileges of free schools for their children are now paying their tuition in private schools. Other cities are requiring each race to support its own school and should Huntsville adopt that course our people will find themselves in the middle of a very bad fix. Hon. H. V. Cashin spent Sunday with his family in Decatur. The Pall Bearers had their annual sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday.

Young Peoples' Choir Organized.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The young peoples' choir at the Baptist church has been re-organized and will sing at the morning service. Rev. R. A. Hill, the popular pastor at Mullins' Chapel, was in Nashville last week. Miss Lucinda Wilson is at the Centennial. Rev. Finis Morton, of Virginia, formerly of this place, is visiting friends here. The "Last Rose of Summer" entertainment is the next thing on board at the hall. Mrs. H. E. Winters will move to Chicago soon. She has sold her place. B. P. Thompson is clerking for his father T. T. Ransome stands behind his counters Friday nights and Saturdays. He does a good business. R. P. Purdy is a frequent visitor in the west end. W. J. Edmonson is making some neat improvements on his home. R. G. Donnell is enclosing his land with a fence. Flat Creek village was almost completely destroyed by fire last Thursday night. The shops of Messrs. M. Green and Mack Thomas were destroyed.

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Nothing Could Cure Him of His Pilfering Propensity — All His Property Confiscated, His Ears Cut Off and Imprisonment For 21 Years Imposed Upon Him.

About the close of the Revolutionary war a notorious character named Joe Disberry lived about Selinsgrove and Sunbury, on the Susquehanna. Whence he came is unknown, but he is supposed to have been of Connecticut origin. He is reputed to have been possessed of great physical strength and powers of endurance, could excel in running and jumping, and in thieving and lying had no equal along the river. He was of a humorous disposition also and frequently indulged in amusing pranks while engaged in plying his avocation. It is related of him that on more than one occasion he was known slyly to enter the kitchen of a family when all were in bed, start up the fire and cook himself a meal and leisurely eat it. If discovered, he relied on his swiftness of foot to escape. Finally his thefts became so numerous that the whole neighborhood arose against him, and he was arrested and confined in the rude jail at Sunbury, but as it was not very secure he escaped, and Sheriff Antes offered a reward for his apprehension. Joe took refuge on the isle of Que and concealed himself in a dense thicket. He might have eluded pursuit but for his inordinate love for perpetrating jokes. While lying in his place of concealment near the road which crossed the island Joe heard the footsteps of a horse and, slyly peeping from his covert, discovered the sheriff's wife approaching on horseback on her way to Selinsgrove. Quickly stepping into the road, he pulled off his hat, made a polite bow and as quickly disappeared in the bushes. The astonished lady, who knew him, hurried on to Selinsgrove and gave the alarm.

A party headed by George Kremer, afterward a member of congress, was hurriedly made up and went in pursuit of the refugee. He was captured and returned to the custody of Sheriff Antes at the jail in Sunbury. He was tried and convicted, and his sentence is one of the strangest found in the annals of criminal history in Pennsylvania. The quarter sessions docket, still preserved among the court records at Sunbury (for September term, 1784), shows that he was convicted of felony, and the following sentence was imposed:

"Judgment — that the said Joseph Disberry receive 39 lashes between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock tomorrow; to stand in the pillory one hour; to have his ears cut off and nailed to the post; to return the property stolen or the value thereof; remain in prison three months; pay a fine of £30 to the honorable the president of this state for the support of the government and stand convicted until fine, fees, etc., are paid."

This remarkable sentence shows the estimate that was put on Joe as a criminal. The whipping post and pillory stood in the public square in Sunbury, and the spot can still be pointed out. Colonel Henry Antes, the sheriff, directed the whipping if he did not do it himself. There is no record to show who did the ear cropping, but as the surgical operation fell to the sheriff it is presumed that he did. Among the 12 men who composed the jury were several noted Indian fighters and Revolutionary soldiers. Peter Hosterman, foreman, was active as a militiaman and had command at one time of a company to repel Indian attacks. Adam and Michael Grove were famous as Indian scouts and were engaged in several bloody encounters with the savages. This severe sentence did not cure Joe of his thieving propensities, for the quarter sessions docket for August term, 1798, shows that he was arraigned and tried on three indictments for robbing the houses of Philip Bower, Peter Jones and Isaiah Willitts and convicted on each. The Hon. Jacob Rush, president judge of the judicial district, was on the bench and imposed the following sentence:

"That the prisoner, Joseph Disberry, forfeit all and singular his goods and chattels, land and tenements, to and for the use of the commonwealth, and undergo a servitude of seven years for the burglary committed in the house of Philip Bower, and be committed to the house of correction, pay the costs of prosecution, etc." The court then sentenced him on the two other indictments, seven years each, and continued: "That the defendant be conveyed to the jail and penitentiary house of Philadelphia to undergo the servitude aforesaid for the term of 21 years. And that the said Joseph Disberry be kept for the space of two years in the solitary cell out of the term of 21 years."

When the sentence was being delivered, Joe was an attentive listener, and when the last "seven" was pronounced he broke in with the remark, "Why, judge, three times seven are 21!" which caused the audience to smile. Joe was brought to this city and served his long sentence, which expired in 1819. He returned to his old haunts about Sunbury and Selinsgrove an old man, but as merry as ever. His long and frequent punishment failed to make an honest man of him, and he continued to pilfer wherever an opportunity offered. The date of his death is unknown, but it is said that he went one night to a mill in Union county to steal flour, and, falling through a hatchway, sustained injuries which finally killed him. —Philadelphia Times.

HUMAN BRAINS.

How Science Views the Difference Between Men and Women.

The weightier brain would seem also to indicate, a priori, the greater intellectual power, and this, too, is borne out by undoubted facts. Women, it has often been said, have yet to produce their Newton, their Dante, their Aristotle, their Pascal, their Goethe. The assertion is very feebly met by the contention that women's education has been for centuries neglected.

It was not education which enabled Pascal as a child to see his way through problems which not one man in 1,000 can understand after prolonged mental drill. It was not education which gave the race its great men poets. "They lisped in numbers for the numbers came." But where are their feminine equals? We will, however, take an art in which women have enjoyed far more training than men—the art of music. There are some excellent women pianists and violinists, but where are the female Bachs, Beethovens, Mozarts and Wagners? Nature only can explain the absence of great women composers as of the feminine compeers of Titian and Raphael, the technique of whose art seems peculiarly fitted to women.

Nature tells us that she cannot form the matrix out of which commanding intellectual geniuses of the female sex would proceed. Why this is so we may partly guess, but cannot wholly know. We see that nature has divided the world into sexes for her own purposes, and that to each sex peculiar functions are assigned. We see that the physiological functions of woman necessitate a different anatomy from that of man, and we infer that these functions and this structure preclude, speaking generally, the kind of effort which we call supreme genius, as also that kind of effort which we call sustained executive power. While women are not so far differentiated from men that they cannot enter with pleasure into men's works, and, often in a great measure, share in their production, it remains a fact that it is man's particular organization which is alone capable either of the highest manifestations of genius or the most sustained exhibition of energy. Whether it will always be so we do not know, for we cannot peer into the future. It is sufficient that it not only is so now, but that it always has been so, and that science does give us some good grounds for believing that the fact is deeply rooted in the very structure of sex.—London Spectator.

THE HEALTHY PALATE.

It Does Not Crave Condiments, but the Food Must Possess Flavor.

While a perfectly sound and healthy palate does not crave for condiments, even prefers to do without them, yet the majority of digestions require to be humored and kept in order, and their peculiarities must be studied. Dr. Brunton says:

"Savory food causes the digestive juices to be freely secreted. Well cooked and palatable food is therefore more digestible than the unpalatable. If food lacks savor, a desire naturally arises to supply it by condiments, not always well selected or wholesome."

As commerce brought them within reach of the people condiments, in simple or complicated forms, came greatly into favor, and foreign spices were added to the wild herbal growths of the fields and hedges. In our early history the "spicery" was a special department of the court and had its proper officers.

In the fourteenth century spices were both costly and rare, most of them coming from the Levant. Chaucer mentions many by name—canella, macys, clowes (cloves), grains of paradise, nutmegs, caraway and spikenard. The ancients, especially the Greeks and Romans in the luxurious period of their history, used condiments very freely.

An old English historian, referring to the earlier Roman court, says, "The best magistrates of Rome allowed but the ninth day for the city and publick business, the rest for the country and the sallet garden." From this it would seem as though the education of taste was accounted of some consequence in those days.—Exchange.

"Professors."

The misuse of the title "professor," when it is applied indiscriminately to musicians in general, finds an amusing example in the following story, credited to Bandmaster Sousa and printed in The Musical Age:

Some years ago Sousa was leading a band at a small country festival. The advent of the band had been awaited with intense interest by the audience, and when they arrived the bandsmen were quickly surrounded by a surging crowd which hemmed them in so that it was difficult for them to keep on playing.

Sousa appealed to one of the committee to keep the crowd away and said that unless his men had more room they could not play. The committeeman shook his hand warmly, and, turning to the asembled multitude, bawled out:

"Gentlemen, step back and give the purfesser's purfessers a chance to play!"

Aggravation Below Stairs.

Mrs. Greene—Really, I think that girls in domestic service have a pretty comfortable time of it.

One of Them—But we have our trials, mum. Just as like as not, when we have got a bonnet or a gown that is particularly becoming, first thing we know our mistress comes out with something exactly like it.—Boston Transcript.

French billiard tables have six legs instead of four, as in America. There are no strings for marking; score is kept by chalking the figures on a slate set in the side of the table or on a mechanical reckoner inserted in the same place.

Nearly £500,000 worth of artificial flowers are sold in London yearly.

Directory "Too Common."

"No, we don't permit our names to go in the directory, don't you know."

"And why not?"

"So deuced common, don't you know. Why, last yeah my name was sandwiched in between a garbage collectah and an alderman. It's a fact, 'pon honah."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Laborers Wanted.

White Castle, La., Special.

The prospects for a lively autumn has already begun. Wages on various farms have advanced, and there are planters who have not yet commenced their ingathering owing to the scarcity of hands. In the lower settlement the price for common labor has already advanced beyond public labor. The saw mill at this place which is the life of the town, is demanding all the labor they can obtain. Many rejoice in the present condition of affairs. There are more than fifty eagerly watching for The Freeman. Every one who subscribes is anxious to have it. For the benefit of those who live in the immediate vicinity, The Freeman can be found at the Webb House, and at the confectionery stand of H. E. W. Brown on Walls street.

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To Whom It May Concern.

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Sleepy Onions.

The London Medical Press asserts that some plants sleep through the rainy season, others during periods of drought, of heat or of cold. Farmers are rather skeptical about weeds ever going to sleep, and it is hard to realize that an onion bed is nightly wrapped in balmy slumber. Yet science in this matter is too well fortified to be doubted.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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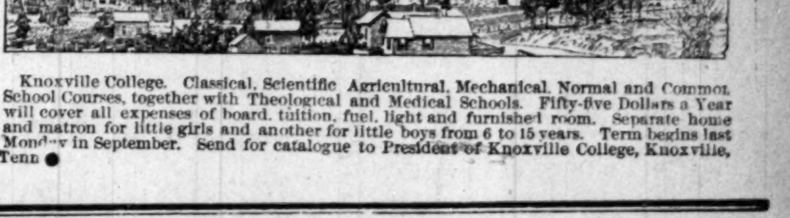

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LOCAL NOTES.

Geo. W. Moker has opened a flour and feed store at 1020 North Senate avenue.

Help your friend to secure the gold watch by buying a ticket to the Autumn Carnival Thursday evening Nov. 11th.

Suit for divorce has been filed by Mrs. Irene Posey against her husband, A. R. Posey. Both are well-known society people.

Any of the scenes or numbers will be worth the price of admission to the Autumn Carnival Thnrsday evening Nov. 11th.

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Bud Day has retired from the grocery firm of Day & Sims, corner Third and Howard streets and the enterprise is conducted solely now by Mr. Sims

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The five o'clock prayer-meeting club recently organized at the Second Baptist church for the benefit of the church is getting along nicely. The officers are: President, Rev. W. J. Harris; vice president, Miss Anna Johnson; secretary, Miss Rosella Beachum; assistant, Andrew Valentine; treasurer, John Dixon.

Marion Lodge No. 5, K. of P. will hold a Carnival at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening, Nov. 23.

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Olivet Literary Society.

The grand opening entertainment of Olivet Literary Society will occur Tuesday evening Nov. 2 at Prospect (formerly Coburn street Baptist church) in which fourteen city teachers will make their appearance:

Reading, "Perseverance" .... Mrs. Ella Clay
Selection .... Miss Bertha Christy
Solo, selected .... Mrs. Irene Posey
Oration, "Cæsar at the Rubicon" .... M. Neal
Reading, "Influences" .... Mrs. L. Williams
Bass solo, selected .... Will L. Stegg
"Woman's Possibilities" .... Dr. Beulah Porter
Recitation .... Miss Ada B. Harris
Solo, selected .... Miss Lillian V. Jones
Descriptive reading, "Sheridan's Ride.' W. Milton Lewis ....
Duet...... Misses Clara Mays and Ella Johnson
Essay, "How to Create an Interest in Literary Work," .... Mrs. Susie Miller
Solo, "Pardoned" .... Miss Allie Morgan
Recitation, "The Moneyless Man.. E. F. Stokes
Pianist,..... .... Miss Aleana Smitherman

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Prof. S. Bell of Louisville was in the city last Sunday.

G. F. Patterson of Crawfordsville, was in the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Davis will return home from Vermont Sunday.

W M. Harding of Nashville, Tenn., was in the city visiting last Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Porter and son returned from Washington, D. C., last Sunday.

Messrs. Will and Fred Robinson of Bloomington, Ill., have located in the city.

Wm. Beeler, a prominent young man of Danville, Ill., spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Mamie Adams, who spent the summer in St. Joe, Mich , has returned home.

Harry Scott of Greenville, Miss., is attending the bedside of his daughter, Miss Mamie.

Rev. F. Green, of Muncie, was in the city Monday the guest of Rev. J. J. Blackshear.

Mrs. Helen Williams has returned from a visit to her mother in Bowling Green, Ky.

Miss Amanda Rogers has returned from a very pleasant visit to Fremont, O., and Detroit, Mich

A social was given Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Adam Smoots in California street.

J. Francis Smith, a well-known druggist of New York City, has entered the Indiana Medical College.

Robert Taylor and Miss Ollie Brown were married last Monday at the residence of Rev. G. A. Sissle.

Mrs. C. Carr Settles, who has been visiting her parents in Washington, D. C., returned home last Sunday.

Mrs Mamie Garrett of Louisville, was in the city last Sunday the guest of Mrs. Katie Brewer 616 Liberty street.

Mrs G L. Knox and Mrs. Nellie Nicholson attended the funeral of Mrs. R. A. Roberts at Charlottsville last Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Proctor entertained a few friends at her cosy home in West Fifteenth street last Tuesday evening in honor of her guest, Mrs. McCann, who returned to her home in Xenia, O., Wednesday.

A. P. C. McMurray and Mrs. Hattie D. Moore were quietly married last Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickson, jr., in West Walnut street.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

The old "400" is on the wane.

"Just tell them that you saw me."

The "Boos" and the "Frogs" have consolidated.

The matrimonial fever is on. This time a member of the famous Widow's Club was led to the hymeneal altar.

The nerve and false modesty displayed by a few parasitical people would cause a brass monkey to split its sides with laughter.

Freedom of thought and the power to exercise it is indispensable to our progress. We hold that we have a right to maintain and express opinions and the right to promulgate them to the best interests of the people, whether in church or state. Our learned contemporary the Lexington Standard, meets with popular favor when it says:

Some persons object to Negro preachers taking an active part in politics, but it is our honest opinion that they are the very ones who should be actively engaged in it because they are the bona fide leaders of the race. The Negro preacher who would stand by and see his race abused, imposed upon, misrepresented and hoodwinked, whether in church or in politics, and not raise his voice in their behalf is not a true representative of the christian religion.

Autumn Carnival.

The Second Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Carr pastor, opens their entertainment season with a novel entertainment Thursday evening Nov. 11th under the above title. The affair is under the management of Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox who will spare no pains to make it a crowning success. Aside from her own appearance in new and pleasing selections, a series of life scenes or living pictures, representing many sacred and historical scenes will be given. The entire program will be interspersed with musical numbers, consisting of late and popular songs. A ladies' fine gold watch is being offered to the person selling the greatest number of tickets, and much interest is being taken in the event.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

This church is situated in Michigan street between Capitol avenue and Illinois street. Rev. Wm. O. White pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. The school is doing excellent work. The primary grade under Mrs. O. Findley and Miss Lillie Hill gave an entertainment last Friday evening. It was a grand success. The teachers deserve great credit for their good work in teaching and drilling the children in the primary department.

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